

### **REMARKS**

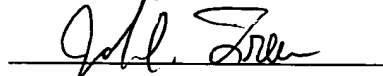
On June 25, 2003, Applicant filed the Issue Fee due for the above-identified application. In July of 2003, Applicant became aware that the specification and the claims of the above-identified application contained inadvertent errors that were relied on for patentability of the claims allowed. In particular, page 3, lines 21 and 24 of Petitioner's Specification refer to the PS solution of the invention having "reduced" or "lower" conductivity than tap water. Page 7, lines 17 and 22 and lines 7 and 10 of the Abstract at page 15 of Petitioner's Specification make similar statements. Furthermore, allowed claims 1 and 2 each recite "providing a solution that has a lower electrical conductivity . . . than tap water." These statements contradict the table at page 7 which clearly shows the solution of the invention has a higher electrical conductivity than tap water. The present Amendment corrects these contradictions.

These contradictions were further presented in Applicant's remarks regarding Amendments filed on April 2 and July 25, 2001. In particular, Applicant's at least in part relied on the reduction of conductivity when compared with tap water as being a reason for the allowance of the claims. Applicant expressly recants those remarks to the extent that they rely on a reduction of conductivity as being patentable subject matter. Applicants also request that the remarks made in the Amendments of April 2 and July 25, 2001 be treated so that those remarks made regarding a reduction of conductivity be treated as if they were directed to an increase in conductivity.

Applicant believes that the errors made in the Specification, claims and the Amendments filed on April 2 and July 25, 2001 regarding a decrease in electrical conductivity are not fatal to patentability to claims 1 and 2 presently amended. In particular, claims 1 and 2 recite solutions

that produce the unexpected results mentioned in the previously filed Rule 132 Declaration.  
Since the claimed solutions recite unexpected results, the claims should still be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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